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CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

1. A method for the prophylaxis or treatment of asthma or a symptom thereof in a human which comprises administering to a human in need thereof:

(a) a therapeutically effective amount of cetirizine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and;

(b) a therapeutically effective amount of a leukotriene inhibitor, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. A method for the prophylaxis or treatment of asthma or a symptom thereof in a human which comprises administering to a human, in need thereof, a composition comprising:

(a) a therapeutically effective amount of cetirizine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

(b) a therapeutically effective amount of a leukotriene inhibitor, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, selected from the group consisting of 5-lipoxygenase inhibitors, 5-lipoxygenase activating protein antagonists, and leukotriene receptor antagonists, and mixtures thereof, and;

(c) a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.

3. The method of claim 1 or 2 further comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a decongestant, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

4. The method of claim 1 or 2 wherein said human has asthma.

5. The method of claim 1 or 2 wherein said effective amount of cetirizine is an effective amount of racemic cetirizine.

6. The method of claim 1 or 2 wherein said cetirizine is the optically pure (+) enantiomer.

7. The method of claim 1 or 2 wherein said cetirizine is the optically pure (-) enantiomer.

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ABSTRACT:

Methods and pharmaceutical compositions employing (+) cetirizine, (-) cetirizine, or racemic cetirizine, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a leukotriene inhibitor, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, or decongestant for the treatment, management, and/or prevention of inflammation, asthma or symptoms thereof, allergic disorders such as allergic rhinitis, and dermatitis.

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